		IOC	BPC	HPC	IBP	Total
27.	Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Uttar Pradesh	11	0	9	0	20
29.	West Bengal	14	6	3	2	25
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0
31.	Chandigarh	0	1	0	2	3
32.	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Daman and Diu	0	0	0	0	0
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	0	0	4	1	5
	TOTAL:	113	112	235	53	513

Implementation of TAP Pipeline Project

†2213. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to lay down a gas pipeline in the country from Turkmenistan via Afghanistan and Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether comprehensive details have been worked out in this regard; and

(c) by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. An Indian delegation led by the Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas visited Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on February 14-15, 2006 to participate in the 9th Steering Committee Meeting of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (TAP) project as an 'Observer'. The Steering Committee invited India to become an official member of the project. Government accorded 'in principle' approval to India joining the TAP project. The matter has been taken up with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the lead development partner for the project, to

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appropriately take up India's request for joining the project with the Governments of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

(b) and (c) As the discussions are at a preliminary stage, implementation plan has not been worked out.

Allocation of kerosene to Jharkhand

†2214. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Jharkhand have demanded to allot the kerosene for agriculture purposes;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of Government's policy regarding separate allotment of kerosene for agricultural purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No such request has been received from the State Government of Jharkhand.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) PDS kerosene is an allocated product. The Government of India allocates kerosene to the States/Union Territories (UTs) under the Public Distribution System (PDS). In terms of the kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order, 1993, kerosene supplied under the PDS shall not be used for any purpose other than cooking and illumination. There is no separate PDS SKO allocation for the purpose of agriculture.

Imposition of fine on ONGC and Reliance

†2215. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of Hydrocarbon has recommended to impose penalty on ONGC and Reliance Industries Limited;

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